

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 Nov 66 13/0130Z	2. LOCATION Indianapolis, Indiana	3. WITNESSES 3 witnesses
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Satellite(Echo I) ✓ <i>Just</i> Echo I was north of the observation point and traveling on a NE heading at 0127Z	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 90 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	<p>Observers watched a star like object in the northern sky traveling toward the NE. The white colored object was compared to that of a light reflected off of a mirror. The object appeared to be turning sideways as it was moving across the sky. At one time the object faded from view but came back on before it disappeared.</p> <p>The description is consistent with that of a satellite observation. Echo I was over 103 deg W and 45 deg N at approximately 0127Z, on a heading toward the NE.</p>	
7. COURSE NE		
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

SAFO 1

Dear Sirs:

I have read in many books that if ^{anyone should} see an unknown object or objects in the sky. We are to call the police, newspaper, and to write to Project Blue Book, or NICAP in Washington. So I decided to write to Project Blue Book, and give my account of ^{two} different incidents.

The first of ^{two} came of the the night August the 3 1965. I left my house ~~at~~ at about 6:30 to go over to play Basketball at school ~~at~~. It had an out door court and I was playing with a friend of mine named ~~_____~~.

We had just started when I called out to ~~_____~~ that there was a bright star in the east there was either Venus or Mercury. (Note that neither of us

never seen anything like it before, but
been there before we saw it, but
it was not there. About five
minutes later I was backing
up to drive in for a lay up. When
I saw that the object started to
move very slowly to the south.
I told [redacted] to look at it, we
watched it turn dull and then it
sped up, turned red and disappeared.

I did call the T.V. station WXLX
and tried to talk to Mr. Frank
Edwards but he wasn't in. So I
didn't mention it to anyone until
now.

The second came on the night
of Nov. 12, 1966 at 8:30 P.M. [redacted]
[redacted] and I was watching
the sky in front of my house
for falling stars. When I saw
the object come out of the West.
At first we thought it was a
satellite. I said it didn't look
like any satellite I saw before.
When it got closer we could tell
that it was below the clouds.

at 12000 ft. It was almost directly over head when it turned on its side and started to dim. It turned on its right side and faded it came back on and faded out directly over head.

The next day Nov. 13 the object came from the west but at 800 P.M. It did exactly the same as the one did the night before. But this one disappeared a little further East.

Nov. 14 we did not watch.

Nov. 15 I was walking over to a friend's house behind us when I remembered about the object. I looked for a while and then found it out at about 7:30 P.M. I then ~~called a friend of mine~~ ~~to a friend of mine~~ was riding by. I told to come over for a minute. He came over and asked what I wanted. I told him I wanted to see a flying saucer to look at the object moving up there. I told him to watch it and it was gone. A few seconds later a red object

passed from the upper side of it, it
then suddenly went out. I found
no more objects. The object was
C.C.O.

Neither one of the objects left
any sound, left no trails. They
were both white incandescent. The
first. The one on Aug. 12 was in sight
for about 5 min. The ones on Nov.
12, 13, & 15 were in sight for about
2 min. Each object showed speed
constant. They were all of the same.

I hope that the sightings
will determine ~~whether~~ whether there
are people from other planets or
not. And I would like for you
to send me your conclusion. ~~But~~
And if there's anything I can do
help the U.S. to receive in a dignified

Sincerely yours,

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Dear ~~Mr. [unclear]~~

reference your 12 Nov 1966 and subsequent observations. ~~Our information has found~~ After our study of the submitted information we believe that you more than likely were watching the passing of the satellite Echo I. ~~This particular satellite is one of approximately 46 quite easily visible satellites that are easily visible to the naked eye.~~

^{at time} The description, color, flight characteristics, are consistent with such an evaluation explanation.

at the time of your ~~sight~~ observation, Echo I would have been ^{above} ~~in the~~ northern horizon and traveling toward the NE. This particular satellite is one of 46 ~~easily quite~~ easily visible satellites or other space debris.

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

12 NOV. 1966
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

8 30
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[REDACTED] Indianapolis Marion
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

— 1 30
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? It was more or less an estimate

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes _____ No No

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right

d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- ☒ c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- ☒ b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight - pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

Like reflection off of a mirror

12. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One)
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - ☒ b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| e. Change brightness? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No | Don't know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No | Don't know |

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

At first it faded out, then came back on and went out.

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: *just after Larry and I saw it went behind a very small cloud for two seconds.*

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

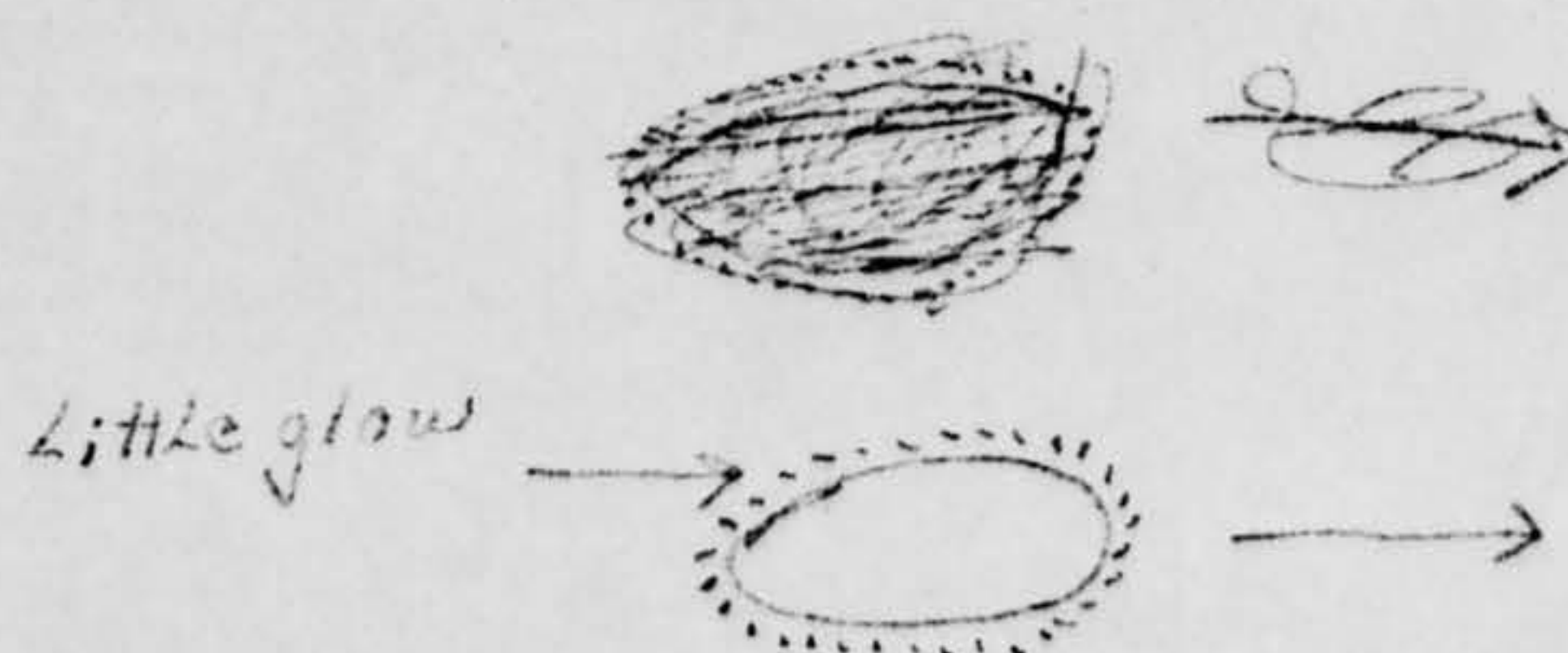
(Circle One): ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: _____

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

- a. Sound *The object had no sound at all.*
 b. Color *It was the same white color through out the sighting.*

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head? *We could still see the outer sides of the object. we did take a penny and held it arm's length, and the object could not be seen.*

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

☒ No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 12,000 ft.

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?

(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- ☒ c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane (type) _____
- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

23. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- ☒ b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- ☒ d. Near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other _____

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North

c. East

e. South

g. West

b. Northeast

d. Southeast

f. Southwest

h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses

Yes

☒ No

e. Binoculars

☒ Yes

No

b. Sun glasses

Yes

☒ No

f. Telescope

Yes

☒ No

c. Windshield

Yes

☒ No

g. Theodolite

Yes

☒ No

d. Window glass

Yes

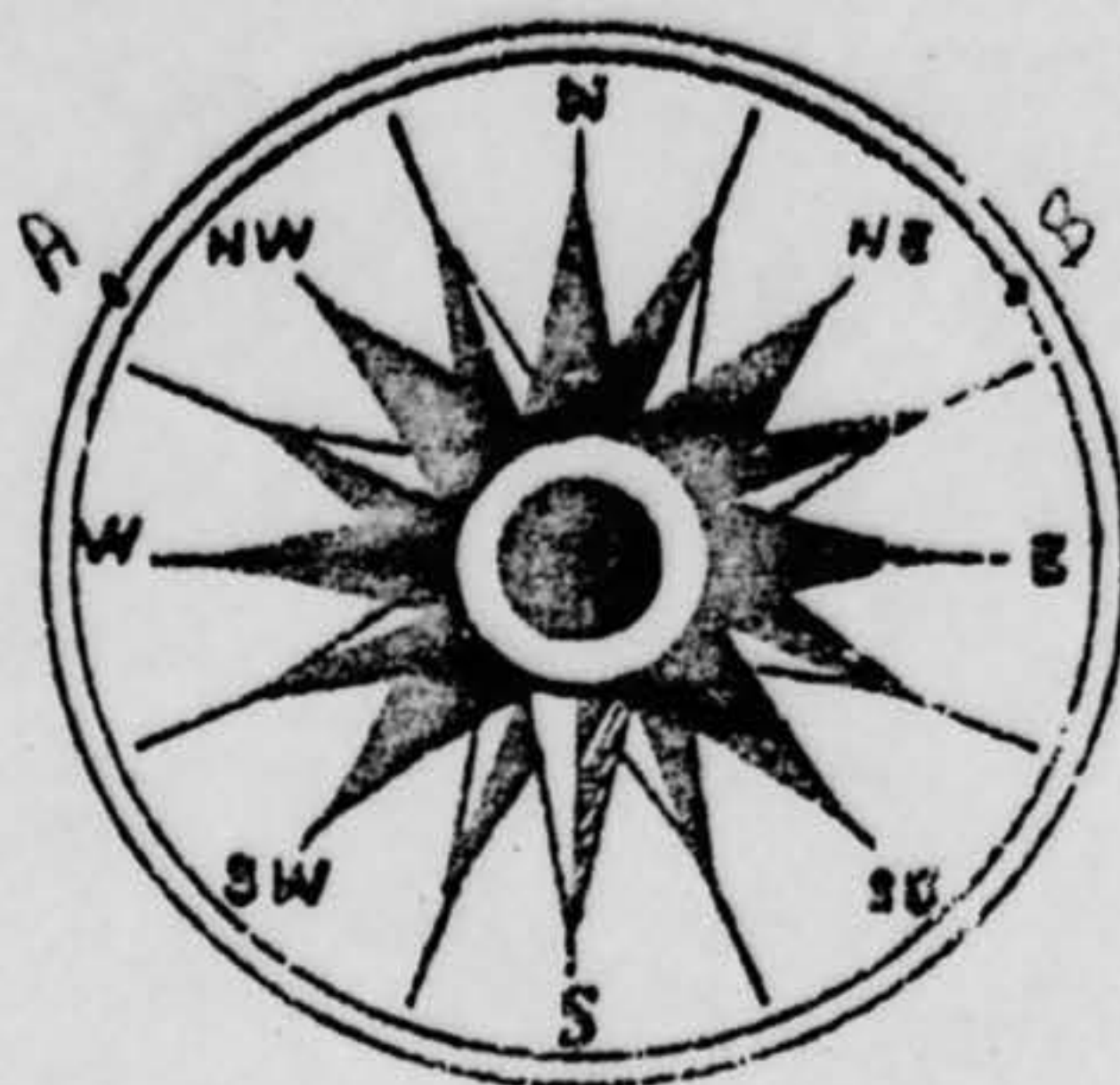
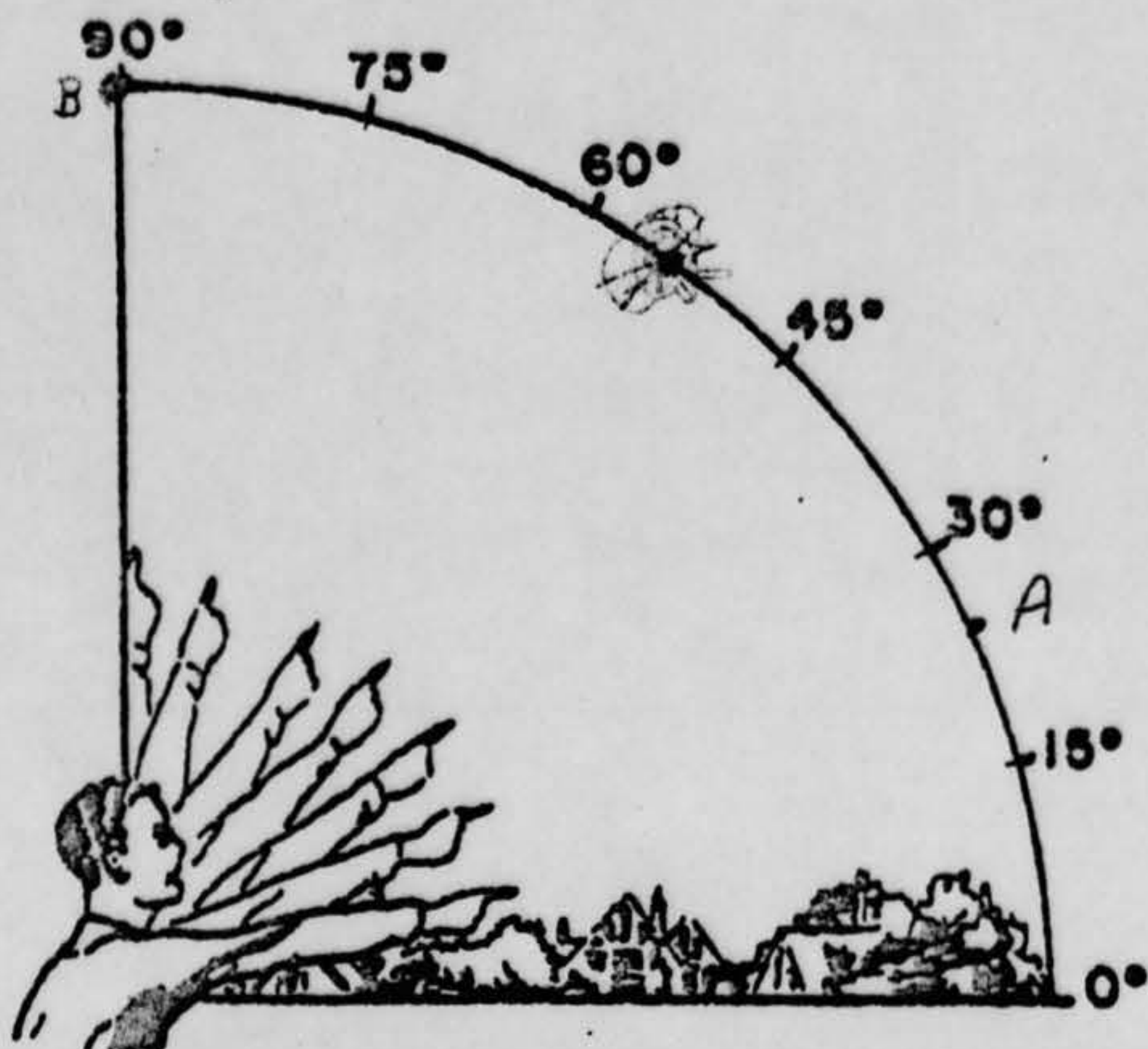
☒ No

h. Other _____

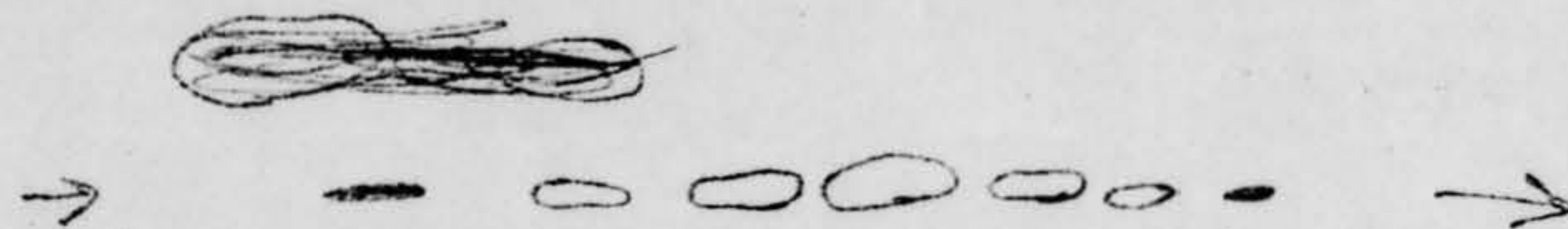
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

a big star

27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you last saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you last saw the object.



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



It was turning sideways

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? Two
 Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.
ON Nov. 15 1966 The object dropped a smaller Red object



30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location. Yes
Nov. 13, +15 Indianapolis area.

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) Yes No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One) Yes No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses [REDACTED] R.D.
[REDACTED] Dr.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name
ADDRESS [REDACTED] Indianapolis 24 Indiana
Street City Zone State
TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] AGE 15 1/2 SEX M

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

Thursday Fri Dec. 1966 Project Blue Book
Day Month Year NICAP
APRO

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Dec. 1 1967
Day Month Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

On Nov. 13, the object did exactly the same as the one the night before. Except it appeared 30 minutes earlier, and disappeared further east. On Nov. 15 the object came from the same direction at 7:30 P.M. Just before it disappeared a smaller red object dropped out of it.


I would like for you to send any additional information that may be needed in your investigation. And I would like to know what it was that my friends ~~and~~ and I saw.

12 November 1966


TDET/UFO

9 January 1967

UFO Observations


Indianapolis, Indiana 46224

1. Reference your letter of December 29, 1966 regarding unidentified flying objects over the Indianapolis, Indiana area.
2. In regards to your August 1965 observation, the late date in reporting this observation prevents a comprehensive investigation. It would be extremely difficult to obtain records of any activity that far in the past. Normally such records are kept for several months and then disposed of, since they are no longer current.
3. Please complete the attached FTD Form 164 on your 12 November 1966 observation and we will try to make a comprehensive analysis. Attempts will be made to try to identify the stimulus which caused your sighting.
4. Thank you for reporting your observations to the Air Force.


JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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FTD Form 164 w/envelope